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STATUS OF THE VOLUNTARY FUND TO ENABLE PARTICIPATION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN THE PREPARATORY PROCESS AND THE WORLD CONFERENCE ITSELF

Status of the voluntary fund

Report of the Secretary-General

1. It will be recalled that, in response to the decision of the General Assembly, in its resolution 46/116 of 17 December 1991, to invite voluntary contributions to assist least developed countries in participating in the World Conference and its preparatory process, a voluntary fund was established.

2. At the second session of the Preparatory Committee, the Committee decided to modify the criteria for the fund to defray the travel costs and to provide a daily subsistence allowance for one representative of each of the least developed countries to the preparatory meetings and at the World Conference itself. The Committee also decided to reiterate its invitation for contributions of extrabudgetary resources to meet the additional costs associated with its decision.

3. Annexed to this report is a table showing:

(a) the contributions pledged or made to the fund to date;

(b) the expenditure incurred in connection with the Preparatory Committee's second and third sessions and the Regional Meeting for Africa;

(c) the amount needed to meet the costs for the World Conference payable from the fund;

(d) the balance of contributions to the fund.

On the occasion of the present report, the Secretary-General reiterates his previous appeals to States that may be in a position to do so to contribute to the fund.

4. On 26 February 1993, a note verbale was sent to the Governments of the least developed countries advising them of the availability of financial assistance for participation by their representatives in the fourth session of the Preparatory Committee and requesting them to inform the Centre for Human Rights if they wanted financial assistance for that purpose. As of the date of the present report, the secretariat has received a total of 31 requests for assistance.

Annex

LDC FUND: STATUS AS OF 31 MARCH 1993
(United States dollars)

Contributions received	in 1992	in 1993
Australia	11 253	.
Belgium	14 916	
China	11 000	.
Former Czech and Slovak Federal Republic	2 000	.
Denmark	35 000	.
Finland	68 248	.
France	59 204	.
Germany	107 302	.
Ireland	8 307	14 805
Kuwait	10 067	.
Mauritius	5 000	.
Morocco	4 980	.
Netherlands	111 111	.
New Zealand	8 250	.
Norway	29 958	.
Sweden	49 140	.
United Kingdom	38 272	.
Contributions pledged		
Austria	100 000 a/	.
Belgium		15 000 b/
France		36 000 c/
TOTAL	739 813	
EXPENDITURE	243 547 d/	
ESTIMATED REQUIREMENT	985 000	
BALANCE	-245 187	

a/ In a letter dated 9 October 1992, the Government of Austria announced a contribution of 100,000 United States dollars.

b/ In a note verbale dated 21 January 1993, the Government of Belgium pledged a contribution of 15,000 United States dollars.

c/ In a letter dated 9 February 1993, the Government of France pledged a contribution of 200,000 French francs.

d/ Expenditure incurred in connection with the Preparatory Committee's second and third sessions and the Regional Meeting for Africa. The Regional Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean entailed no expenditure. The figure for the expenditure entailed by the Regional Meeting for Asia will be available later.